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SENATOR GOODRICH: It will not, in fact, the alcoholism, you are absolutely right, the alcoholism branch is a well functioning branch and it continues the same way. The Drug Department has got some problems. Those will be straightened out but the strength of the programs, nothing changes. The first year the funding will be separately provided even though it is provided for the same office but the programs will be separately provided, funded.

SENATOR POWERS: Senator Goodrich, I have found you to be a very honorable man and as long as you tell me, I believe you. Thank you.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Venditte.

SENATOR VENDITTE: I have one just very brief question, Senator Goodrich. I guess when I look at consolidation at least within departments such as this, it would seem to me that there may be a reduction in the amount of money that might be appropriated but this is not the case. There is going to be an additional expenditure as a result of this merger. Is that right, Senator?

SENATOR GOODRICH: No, not an additional expenditure. We are not changing the appropriations at all. We are going to let the two departments be consolidated into one and give them this coming year to reorganize to the point where they can then decide okay, do they need two secretaries or do they need one, which director they are going to let, by attrition, go, that type of thing.

SENATOR VENDITTE: All right, aside from that, Senator Goodrich, I guess I wonder how the committee felt regarding this particular merger. In other words why was it necessary to do that? Did you say to make that particular department more efficient and more responsible to those people who are having alcohol problems and drug related problems?

SENATOR GOODRICH: No, the alcoholism program is a really well functioning program. The drug program though is the one that does have some need for reorganization and we are bringing it over, since they are both drugs, we are bringing them over and putting them together so that the drug program can have some benefit of the ...

SENATOR VENDITTE: Leadership of the alcohol?